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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

CONVENTION PROSPECTS

This pre-convention statement has been issued by the president of the F.U.A., Paul Babey.

"We look forward to a well attended convention with delegates from all areas of the province.

"Farmer representatives will express their views on several problems which have recently come to the fore concerning the level of returns for agricultural production.

"Prices received for all commodities, with the exception of cereal grains, have dropped from the levels of last year.

MUST ACT

"Of real concern, is the present low level of hog prices, and the extremely depressed price position of eggs and poultry meat, reflects the urgent need for producers to act. Under consideration will be ways and means of retaining some bargaining power in the market place for producers.

"Without doubt, the farmers attention will focus more and more on marketing practices. Farmers are beginning to realize that they cannot retain the savings they make through increased efficiency of production, because prices they have had to accept for their produce either remain constant, or continue to decline while costs of production continue to rise.

NEW MOVES

"Delegates at the F.U.A. convention will consider some of the new moves by producer groups to win greater say in the marketing process. Marketing boards will receive further study.

"In trying to cope with the problems facing modern agriculture, farmers have made the most progress when their organizations present similar views. In quest of increased farm organization effectiveness in future, F.U.A. delegates will ponder an approach to a more united front. A proposal for the setting up of one general



WARREN J. BYLER, 83-year-old Alberta pioneer of the co-operative farm supply movement was honored with a presentation from United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative at the recent annual meeting of the UFA Co-op.

The presentation was made by a former associate of Mr. Byler, Lorne Proudfoot, (right), of Chinook, a director of the UFA Co-op.

The two men worked together in the Acadia UFA Co-op in the 1930's, and recalled the co-operative distributing carloads of apples to farm families of east central Alberta during the "hungry thirties."

They recalled other Acadia Co-op activities such as operation of the Maple Leaf coal mine at Drumheller, the manufacture of farm implements of which \$150,000 worth were sold in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the distribution of \$70,000 in dividends to co-op members.

Mr. Byler, who farmed at Oyen for many years, retired to Calgary in 1949 and lives at 719 24th Ave. N.W.

Until a recent reorganization of delegate areas, Mr. Byler was the official UFA Co-op delegate for the Calgary district, the city area having been designated as a special district represented solely by the pioneer co-operator.

Hutterites Visited For First-hand Look

A fact-finding tour of two Hutterite Colonies in Eastern Alberta took place Friday, November 27, when Paul Babey and Ken Nelson took an opportunity to get some questions answered.

Guided by a student of the Hutterian Brethren named Karl Peter, and accompanied by a colleague of Mr. Peter's from the University of Alberta, Mr. Babey and Mr. Nelson toured a colony near Minburn. This colony is set up on what was formerly the Mixburn Ranch.

Eight Hutterite families have spent the last four years scratching a living out of an area of poor soil and bush country. It is located next to a community pasture. They are working to lift a debt of more than \$100,000 which is against their 7,000 acres. Only about 2,000 acres are broken as yet, although the colony hopes to bring quite a bit more land into production in the years to come.

Mr. Babey's purpose in visiting this colony was to see first hand how at least one Hutterite Colony carries on its operations. After his visit, he said he was impressed.

"This colony faces the same kinds of problems that all farmers face," stated Mr. Babey. "It is to these people's credit that they are solving many of their problems."

Mr. Babey intends to present some of his observations of the Hutterite colony at the Annual F.U.A. Convention. Resolutions dealing with F.U.A. policy on Hutterites will come before this meeting.

Later that day, Ken Nelson visited the Scotford colony near Ft. Saskatchewan. He saw a much larger and more prosperous colony here than he had seen at Minburn. Some of the more interesting features were the up-to-date hog feeding facilities which turn out nearly 1000 market hogs a year, a very modern milking parlor and loafing barn set up, and a laying flock of 8,000 hens. Scotford deals

directly with packers and processors.

The Scotford colony has been established for many years. According to Mr. Nelson, the people living on it appear well-off and content. It was said their biggest worry has been the attitude of some groups in the province which have called for stringent measures against the expansion of colonies.

"We feel this is the work of a few who have some other purpose in mind," commented one Hutterite leader who was interviewed. "We are on good terms with our neighbours," added the preacher at Mixburn. The Preacher at Scotford insisted that all the Hutterites wish is to be allowed to live as they feel God wishes them to live . . . close to the soil and to nature. "We don't need high school education to do that," he insisted.

ANOTHER CO-OP SETS RECORD

Wheat Pool Handles 44% of Alberta Crop

Highlights of the directors report presented to Alberta Wheat Pool delegates, in session last week for their 42nd annual meeting, were a record handling of grain for 1963-64 season with a record percentage of the crop being delivered through Pool elevators and increased savings for the members.

Grain handlings amounted to 87,053,830 bushels. Percentage of total Alberta crop handled was 44.15 per cent, net surplus before income tax and patronage refunds

was \$4,896,435 also the highest in the history of the organization.

The report noted the record export of wheat during the year amounted to 596.1 million bushels, surpassing the old 1928-29 record of 407.6 million bushels by 46 per cent.

The total of all grains exported was 614.9 million bushels beating the 1952-53 record by 90 million bushels.

will be announced during the convention.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO F.U.A. AUTO-POOL MEMBERS

It has been learned that a bundle of mail sent from the Edmonton office of C.I.S. to the main office in Regina on November 3 was involved in a train wreck just west of Saskatoon. The entire bundle was destroyed.

Co-op Insurance was not made aware of the loss until some of their agents and policy holders started to complain about service. C.I.S. says that notice has gone out to all agents regarding the burned mail, and that all policy holders can be assured that they are being protected pending replacement of the lost documents.

farm organization, through which all farmers and segments of agriculture can participate, will be placed before the delegates.

"The convention will also study and make recommendation to the federal government on other mat-

ters, including the railway legislation Bill C120 presently before the House of Commons. The decisions taken at this 'Farmers' Parliament' will be presented to appropriate levels of government later for consideration."

Children Lost For Convenience?

Officials of the Expo-67 world exhibition presently being assembled in Montreal are working to set up a missing Children's Bureau. This is to be in operation when the gates open for the first time early in 1967.

Every care will be taken to see each lost child is returned quickly and safely to his parents. Planning even considers how to prevent parents from deliberately losing their children so as to benefit from this free baby-sitting service. This was apparently a favorite trick of visitors to the World Fairs in Brussels, New York and Seattle.

Delegates To See Premiere Showing

The Co-op Insurance Story, a slide show demonstration with commentary will receive its first showing public in Edmonton at the F.U.A. convention this week.

Roy Hallen, manager of the Edmonton office of Co-op Insurance Services will be on hand to present this recently completed production. It is intended as part of a promotional campaign for C.I.S.

Subject matter includes an outline of the organizational structure of Co-op Insurance and a list of the services C.I.S. can provide its patrons.

Of special interest to F.U.A. members is a section dealing with F.U.A. participation in this insurance company. The F.U.A. is one of many organizations which own and control C.I.S. The show lasts about 20 minutes. Show times

CONVENTION DISPLAY

A big display by the Alberta Safety Council of the new Slow Moving Vehicle warning signs and flags will be set up at the F.U.A. annual convention. This is part of the Safety Council's campaign to promote the use of emblems to cut down the number of accidents involving farm machinery on public highways.

Statistics show that an average of 20 fatal accidents and about four times this number of injuries, involving slow moving vehicles,

while adequately serving traditional countries throughout the year, warrant confidence and commendation."

F.U.A. Goes on TV

The F.U.A. Convention will be on television direct from the Macdonald Hotel on Wednesday evening. Al Richardson and Bill Owen of the CBC Farm Department will interview delegates on the mezzanine just outside the main convention hall. The interviews will be broadcast over CBX-T at 6:10 p.m. on December 9. Watch for it!

occur on main and secondary roads in the province every year.

DEMONSTRATED TO 4-H'ERS

The slow vehicle emblem and the florescent flags were demonstrated by the Alberta Safety Council to 275 4-H delegates at their annual leadership course in Edmonton. The triangular sign, which can be attached to any piece of equipment, is being considered as an international symbol for vehicles travelling less than 25 miles an hour.

The main part of the sign is florescent while the outer edge is covered with reflective tape for night driving. Florescent paint shows up clearly for a long distance in daylight. The flags, which are on -0 foot poles, are particularly useful in rolling country where they give warning of a slow moving vehicle immediately over a hill.

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F.U.A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WE MUST LOOK AHEAD

By Paul BabeY

One year has come and gone. Glancing over a shoulder, one ponders, "What have we accomplished," "What have I contributed," "What has been done?"

Unfortunately, we don't always proceed at the same rate of speed as the world about us. But one shudders to think where agriculture would be had it not been for the contribution that farm organizations have made over the years.

Some professional people view the agricultural problem as one of there being too many farmers. They feel this problem could be alleviated if there were fewer farmers to divide the total return. This seems like a simple solution providing that the amount to be divided remained the same.

Our farm population has declined from 30 per cent of the population in 1930 to 11 per cent in 1964. Theoretically the farmers should be receiving 3 times as much. Instead, the share that the farmer receives has changed very little. Since 1949, the only significant change has been the soaring costs of production.

LOOK TO MARKETS

The major problem facing agriculture today is the restoration of a realistic value on farm produce at the farm level. This must be done by the farmers themselves. Farmers must take control of their own marketing if they are ever to obtain a fair return.

President Frazer MacDonald,

speaking at the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in 1963, stated that marketing is a cost of production. This is because until a product has reached the consumer, it is a liability, and the expense inevitably is borne by the producer.

Organized marketing is a method of moving produce to market in an orderly and effective manner. It can provide bargaining power in the market and at the same time assure the producer of an available market.

Whether this happens of course depends on the interest and the activity of our membership. If any changes are made, they can only become a reality with the insistence and determination of organized groups.

The drive for membership is still on, but returns are slower than last year. Delayed harvesting and early snow with cold weather have all contributed to the delay in canvassing.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

One significant development has been the sale of life memberships. It now appears that we will sell as many life memberships now as have been sold all together so far.

Plans are finalized for the Annual Convention with many top speakers committed to the week of activities. The policy setting delegates will chart the organization's course for the future. We look for representation from all locals. Two major decisions will be made by the delegates. First, our future efforts to establish a hog marketing board in the province will need to be considered, and action taken. Secondly, the proposals for a "United Voice for Agriculture" will be placed before the convention. Both areas require considerable study and deliberation. Both decisions will have a bearing on the future progress of the agricultural industry.

F.U.A. HEARD AROUND WORLD

Our China Tour was very successful. Because of the tour, the Farmer's Union of Alberta was

Incomes Sliding Survey Shows

Alberta farmers last year had lowest per capita income for any year since 1957.

This was the finding of a survey done by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The survey discovered that averaged farm income dropped 20 per cent since 1949 when the average net farm income was set at \$3,220. In 1963, averaged net farm income was \$2,505.

At the Alberta Federation of Agriculture annual meeting to be held in the Capri Hotel in Red Deer January 13, 14, and 15, this survey will be studied by delegates from various bodies. It is hoped that this information will aid in formation of AFA policy.

echoed throughout the world. It was surprising to receive a telephone call from a person who had heard of our tour, through Radio Pakistan. I had the opportunity to speak over Radio Peking on the English service broadcast.

Most farm people will wonder whether we can sell more wheat to China. My impression was that there is a market for Canadian wheat but that China will deal with the country which offers the most favourable terms. It means in essence that trade is a two way proposition and that if we buy goods from China, we can expect to sell wheat. If we don't, Australia is making a real bid for the Chinese market. If we sit idly by and refuse to buy goods from the People's Republic of China, I dare say those markets will slip through our fingers.

Closer to home, our returns from the Junior Education Fund have been slow. I urge all of you to support the junior program and please don't forget to bring the books and returns to the convention. Let us work toward a more successful drive than two years ago.

Our car insurance pool is in a state of balance. It is very important that we exercise the utmost care in driving for the remainder of the season. By participating in the pool, good driving pays.

See you at the Convention!

PAUL BABEY'S IMPRESSIONS — PART 2

INTO A LAND OF CONTRAST

We made two flights in China. We flew from Canton north to Wuhan. And at the end of the tour, we made the last lap from Hang Chow to Canton by air. Both flights were aboard Russian built aircraft — two or four engine machines. Seat belts are provided, but no one insists that passengers use them.

The plane simply took off and carried itself very well through the air, and the service was very excellent on the aircraft. We had our first opportunity to eat

LIVESTOCK MARKETS

Market Report for week ending November 27, 1964, courtesy Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited.

EDMONTON:

The Cattle Market — Liberal receipts, replacement type cattle featured. Moderate offerings to maintain steady trade.

Closing quotations:

Low choice to choice butcher steers 20.00 to 21.00. Good to choice butcher heifers 18.00 to 19.50. Good cows 11.00 to 12.00. Medium to good bologna bulls 12.00 to 13.50.

Replacement Cattle — a little uneven, under liberal supplies of medium and lower quality. Medium to good lite stock and feeder steers 17.50 to 19.50. Fair to good quality stock heifers 12.00 to 13.00.

The Calf Market — Medium to good butcher calves 15.50 to 17.00. Medium to good stock steer calves 18.50 to 21.50.

Sheep and Lambs were steady. Fat lambs to 18.50. Unfinished kinds 15 to 17c.

The Hog Market — Butchered hogs sold Mon. at 23c, Tues. 22.80, the balance of the week at 23c, for A grades on dressed weights. Sows were steady, selling from 11.50 to 14c on live weights. About 1400 feeder pigs were sold in a practical range of from 16 to 18c.

CALGARY:

Killing cattle at Calgary met with only moderate demand and at lower prices. Even though Thursday and Friday receipts of slaughter material were fairly light the trade did not improve.

Heavier steers sold fully 50c under the lighter weights. Limited offerings of handy weight butcher steers sold fairly actively.

Closing quotations:

Choice butcher steers, to 1,000 lbs. 21.00 to 21.50, sales to 21.70. Choice butcher heifers 18.50 to 19.00. Medium to good butcher cows 11.50 to 12.50.

Feeder steers were scarce again, selling readily at comparatively strong prices.

Yearling feeder heifers were in short supply and sold steady.

Quotations are as follows:

Good feeder steers, to 850 lbs. 20.00 to 20.50. Fair to medium older feeder cows 10.00 to 12.00, lighter, younger 13.00 to 14.50. Average-good stock steer calves 400/550 lbs. around 21.50, best

"Pomelo" for example, which is a fruit very similar to grapefruit. It is sweet and it makes a real tasty treat, especially if you eat it prior to a meal. I think Pomelo could find its way into the Canadian market. I am quite sure that many Canadians would love to have this as part of their breakfast dish.

OLD, YET VERY YOUNG

China is an old country and its history goes back some 5,000 years and I think that the Chinese people have done remarkably well in trying to preserve much of their history. We had quite an opportunity to see a number of palaces that were very many years old and we saw some mausoleums and many other buildings, that of course depicted the early life of the Chinese, and especially how some of the Emperors lived.

Yet many of the Chinese people do not look at their country as being old. The feeling among the people is that China is a new country. It is only fifteen years old — fifteen years since the Communists took the reigns of government.

It seems to me that they have gotten to the stage now where they are providing for the people with food, shelter and clothing. Their food is quite different from ours. Rice still makes up the basic food used in the homes of many people. Their clothing is not very elaborate, but it is certainly ample and it is rather surprising to see that by far the majority of the women dress practically all the same. They wear dark jeans and a blue jacket top. This was very common dress among the ladies that we saw.

The fact is that the women simply were given equal rights with the men in the new China. They were given equal rights in every way, including the right to work as hard as the men and this was very evident. The ladies of China were certainly working very hard. We had an opportunity of visiting many of their homes. We visited the new living quarters which they are building and they are building them as quickly as they can. Admittedly, they point out that they are still desperately behind in their building program.

PROGRESS SHOWN

Upon our insistence, we saw

quality 22.50 to 22.50. Good stock heifer calves 17.00 to 17.50, a few choice to 18.00.

Butcher hogs, Monday 133 basis \$22.80 "A" grade; Tuesday 220 @ \$23.00; Wednesday 118 @ \$22.90; Thursday 53, Friday 12, @ \$23.00. Sows over 400 lbs. \$10.80 to \$11.10; under 400 lbs. \$12.05 to \$12.10 average daily prices.

some of the poorer homes. We wanted to see both the old and the new. We were rather surprised in our visits to these homes and in talking with the people to note how extremely happy they were. Their shelters were pretty primitive, in our terms, yet they were happy because they really felt that they had made a lot of progress in recent years. In other words they told us that conditions before were much worse than what they are now.

We found on the whole that the Chinese people are extremely happy. This was very evident where we travelled.

The happiness on their faces was the one thing that most of the group noticed. Some wondered whether this was staged and pre-arranged, and it would seem to me that perhaps some of this could be. But in the many areas where we travelled that were not arranged for, areas and places that we visited alone as individuals, in the streets for example, areas where it was impossible to do any staging, we saw exactly the same thing.

A VISIT TO THE PEKING JAIL

By Mrs. R. Johnston

The Canadian farm delegation was very much impressed by the friendly reception given to us by the Chinese people, not only officials of the China Council for International Trade, but also by ordinary people, particularly the children in the streets. In the Communes, shops, factories, kindergartens, schools and university, we were particularly impressed by the friendly, healthy and happy young people of China, and by their evident honesty and high standard of morality.

In Canada we are becoming concerned because of increasing juvenile delinquency and vandalism. In China there is apparently no juvenile delinquency so we tried to find out the reason for their success. In their kindergartens, schools, factories, communes etc. they use a system of awards and credits rather than punishment. The children and young people are kept busy and interested in various activities, such as; athletic games, singing, drama, dancing and other forms of art, often with a moral theme. No one under 18 years of age is put in jail.

THE ONLY JAIL

Some of us visited the Peking Jail, the only jail in the greater Peking area, where there is a population of between 6 and 7 millions. There are only 1800 prisoners in jail, 100 of them women. Forty percent of the total are counter revolutionaries and sixty percent common criminals. The policy of the jail is one of reforming the individual and giving him training in some skill.

They aim to give the prisoners

a new viewpoint, and a higher regard for labor, which is held in high regard in all China. They also aim to give the prisoners political and ideological education through reading assignments and discussions.

The Chinese use a system of awards rather than punishment, which takes the forms of public citation, recorded credits, material awards, shortened term on probation and release ahead of time. Physical punishment is forbidden but punishment may take the form

of warning, demerit, isolation or prolonged sentence.

There are guards at the gate. Most guards and prisoners are dressed in civilian clothes, so one could not tell them apart. Only one prisoner has escaped in 13 years, they said.

We visited their two factories where the prisoners were making socks and a wide variety of plastic products. We saw their kitchen, dining room, unlocked bedrooms (each occupied by eight or ten men), and their store for small supplies to be purchased by prisoners who earned a small wage. We saw their library, reading room, sports are equipped for various games and their theatre, where besides their own productions, films were shown regularly.

While the jail buildings were old much repairing had been done. We were impressed by the methods used to reform the individual and by the fact that when they return to society it appears that none of them return to crime.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HUNTERS' SPECIALS: New genuine 8mm German Mauser Model 98, 6-shot rifles, \$29.50. New .303 Short Lee Enfield 10-shot, \$18.50. New .303 British Jungle Carbines, 10-shot, \$27.50. New .30 calibre U.S. M-1 carbine, semi-automatic, 15-shot, \$39.50. Free sling, cleaning accessories, gun case, with each order for limited time. .303 and 8mm ammunition, \$9.00 per 100. We ship C.O.D. International Firearms Ltd., 1011 Bleury, Montreal.

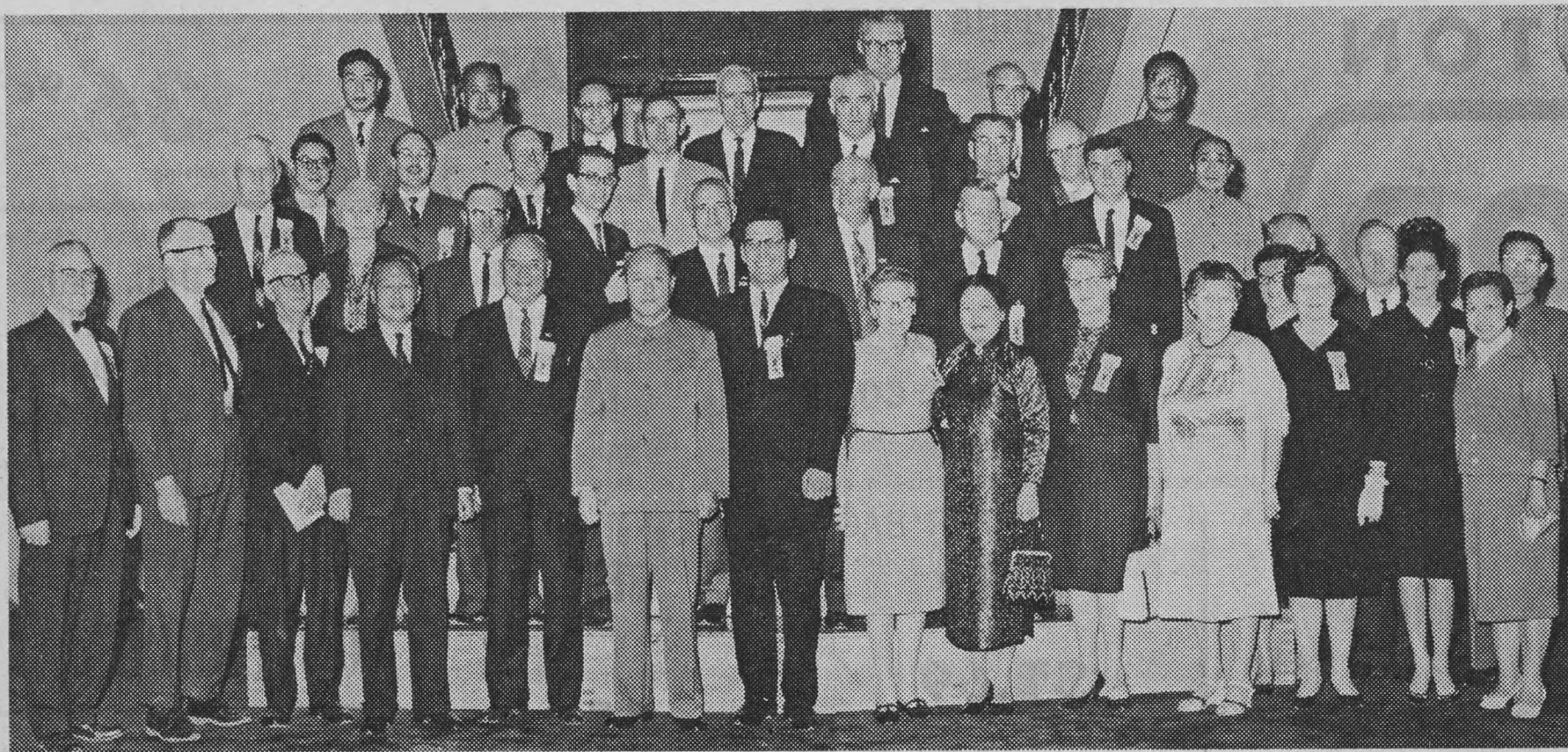
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Total cost including the handbook, correction of lessons and mailing charges is \$12.50 per study course.

For further information write to:

Agricultural Supervisor, Department of Extension,
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.



F.U.A. Tour Group Poses

Here the Canadians pose with several representatives of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, The China Travel Service, Ministry of Agriculture, and interpreters.

Front row: Cummins, Tipman, Scott, Vice-president Hoo Ton of China Council, Love, President Nan Hun Chin of China Council, Babey, Mrs. Love, Madam Nan, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Colwell, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Carlyle, Mr. Carlyle, Mrs. Willox, two interpreters.

Second row: Mrs. and Mrs. Anderson, Silver, Nelson, Biesick, Colwell, Green, Bickle.

Third row: China Travel Service representative, Richardson, Jamieson, Mott, Harrold, Armstrong, Pawley, Agriculture Ministry Rep., Mr. Yaung of China Council, Rife, Brown, Willox, Bridges.

Photo was taken in People's Great Hall by New China News Agency.

CHINA DIARY

By Ken Nelson

"We are in this together," seems to sum up the attitude the F.U.A. China Tour group was developing by the time we reached Japan. Long hours in the air had given us a chance to become acquainted with each other. Now, excitement generated by the unexpected refuelling stop started the group mixing and talking together. We found ourselves wondering out loud about what was in store for us in days to come.

This re-fuelling stop serves, I think, as a good time to introduce our tour members. There were thirty two in all, including seven women. A majority of the people farmers primarily. We took along two doctors and their wives, five persons who earn a living writing about agriculture, and at least nine farm co-op leaders.

The members of the tour were:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Anderson, Brooks, Alta. Mr. Anderson is vice-president of Alberta Livestock Co-operative; has been manager of the Eastern Irrigation District at Brooks for 16 years and is supervisor of a number of co-operative livestock feeder and shipping associations.

Mr. C. T. Armstrong, Calgary, Alta., farmer and rancher and has been active in the farm movement in Alberta for many years.

Mr. Paul Babey, Edmonton, Alta., farms in the Bonnyville district and is president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Mr. John T. Bennett, Edmonton, Alta., farmed for several years in the Vauxhall district. He is now with the National Employment Service, Edmonton.

Mr. Ian Bickle, Regina, Saskatchewan, served as Public Relations Director for the University of Saskatchewan and is now assistant director of publicity for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He also represented the Western Producer, published by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Mr. Chas. I. Biesick, Winnipeg, Man., was born and raised on a Saskatchewan farm and has been interested in the farm and co-operative movements for many years.

Mr. F. H. Bridges, St. Boniface, Man., has farmed in Manitoba for a number of years. He is now an employee of Canadian Co-operative Implements Ltd.

Mr. J. B. Brown, East St. Paul, Man., who farmed in Manitoba, is and has been for some years, president of Canadian Co-operative Implements Ltd., Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Carlyle, Blackfalds, Alta., represent a well-known Central Alberta farm family. Mr. Carlyle is a former director of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Colwell, Calgary, Alta., farmed for many years in the Dalemead district of Alberta. They are now retired, and living in Calgary.

Mr. Wm. Cummins, Saskatoon, Sask., farms at Blucher, Saskat-

chewan. He is a director of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Mr. G. G. Jamieson, McAuley, Man., farms at McAuley, and is a director of Manitoba Pool Elevators Ltd.

Mrs. Louise V. Johnson, Excel, Alta., is president of the FWUA. She and her husband farm at Excel, Alta. Mrs. Johnston has been a school teacher.

Mr. H. Gordon Green, farms at Ormstown, Quebec, and is a contributing editor of the Family Herald, published in Montreal.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall, are from Edmonton, Alta. Dr. Hall is a well-known Edmonton physician and specialist in Anesthesia. He retains an interest in a farm east of Edmonton where he was born.

Mr. Gordon L. Harrold, Calgary, Alta., farms in the Lamont district and is president of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Love, live in Edmonton. Mr. Love has been an Edmonton dairy farmer for many years. He is vice-president of Co-op Press Ltd. and an executive director of Co-operative Insurance Services Ltd.

Mr. John E. Mott, Brantford, Ontario, is an economist and industrial consultant.

Mr. Ken J. Nelson, Edmonton, Alta., grew up on an Alberta farm, has been a school teacher and is now assistant editor of The Organized Farmer published by the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Mr. Russell Pawley, St. James, Man., has farmed in Manitoba for many years. He now resides in St. James where he is a member of the City Council.

Mr. Al. E. Richardson, Edmonton, Alta., is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and is now farm commentator for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation stationed in Edmonton.

Mr. George Rife, Edmonton, Alta., is an agricultural graduate of the University of Alberta and is a farm and agricultural writer and reporter for the Edmonton Journal.

Mr. Castle Scott, Vermilion, Alta., has farmed in the Vermilion district for over forty years and has always been interested in the farm and co-operative movements.

Mr. Andrew F. Silver, farms in the Huxley, Alberta district and is a director of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Ltd.

Mr. Jos. J. Tipman, Stettler, Alta., farms near Stettler and is a director of Canadian Co-operative Implements Ltd. and an Alberta Wheat Pool delegate.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Willox, live in Edmonton, Alta. Dr. Willox is Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

As you can see, we represented a wide range of interests, although as befits an agricultural delegation, emphasis was on farmer members.

American airmen swarmed around our DC-8, putting thousands of gallons of jet fuel into the tanks. The plane had carried nearly 20,000 gallons of fuel when it left Vancouver.

Night falls swiftly in Southern latitudes. It was dark as we taxied out onto the runway. Tokyo time 7 P.M. as a great thrusting roar jetted us out and up into the dark sky. Within minutes, we were back at 30,000 feet and dashing for Tokyo, 200 miles away.

TOKYO LIGHTS

A half hour later, lights from horizon to horizon made it plain we were over one of the biggest cities in the world. Tokyo, at night, is a fairyland of light. And Tokyo airport, built out into Tokyo Bay, is unbelievably busy.

I wondered, as the group left the airlines for a 45 minute stretch, just how much the world can change. It was just 23 years ago that Jimmy Doolittle bombed this very spot! Now, those big planes one every 5 minutes swooshing in from every point on the globe, were bringing in thousands of the world's best athletes. The Olympic Games were to start in this city in just a few days. I became aware of a fabulous feeling of participation in the great events of the day. This, I tell myself, is a feeling I like very much.

Now it is time to take my feet off the ground again for the last lap. I am almost reluctant to walk back into the aircraft. After all, I have never been so far from solid ground for so long before. It was a relief to step out for this brief hour.

I settled back into my seat, pulled at my humidity soaked clothes and thought, "If Tokyo is hot, just what is Hong Kong going to be like?"

Once again, we rocketed up into the night sky. We have just over four hours to go. Time for supper, and then a nap. The crew has changed at Tokyo. The stewardesses we had with us across the Pacific were more tired than the passengers. Just now, working on board an airliner has lost most of its glamour. I must remember to tell my sister that when I get home!

AND NOW HONG KONG

Suddenly, we are flying between mountain peaks. I am awakened by the stewardess asking me to fasten my seat belt. Level with my window are bright lights on a mountain. What is going on?

The plane jinks left, then right, then down—a sickening plunge. Almost frantic, I buckle my belt and peer out into the night.

Someone was laughing from across the aisle, "It's ok Ken!

We are just landing at Hong Kong."

I must have looked as silly as I felt then, because Mrs. Carlyle had quite a chuckle at my expense. So I got my courage screwed up again, and settled back for the landing.

I was wide awake by the time we got to the Miramar Hotel. Where we were to spend what was left of the night. Because of the hours we had lost when the C.P.A.L. airliner was delayed by headwinds, we only had about five hours left for sleep before we had to be up and on our way to China.

But I couldn't sleep. Hong Kong Time was 2 A.M. My internal clock insisted that it was really 9 A.M. the morning before (Edmonton time was 17 hours later).

Two other news-hounds were feeling the same time confusion. And they were affected by something stronger — a desire to see big bad Hong Kong at a time when most honest folk are safe in their beds.

INTO THE HONG KONG NIGHT

Keeping to the brightly lit streets, avoiding the back alleys, the interpid trio tip-toed forth, bent on adventure.

Hackles raised, nerves tense, in step we clomped down a deserted street. A few people were about — people who looked as though they had no place else to go. One was sleeping on a canvass cot set up under an awning. Another was half sitting, half lying on a stairway (she seemed to be in some kind of stupor). One man had a beat-up old chair which he was using as a combination home and bed. He was asleep, leaning up against a post.

This was my first sight of a style of building we were to see in all the Chinese cities. Stores and other buildings jutted out over the sidewalk. The ground floor was recessed to make room for people to walk. The rest of the building, sometimes several stories high, was built out flush with the edge of the curb. All along the street at intervals of a dozen feet were cement columns supporting the edge of the building above the sidewalk.

In the hot humid night air, all the upper windows were open to catch a slight breeze. At street level, we walked through a muggy atmosphere alternating foul rank smells of garbage with the exotic scent of joss sticks and oriental perfumes. Little pricklings of apprehension mingled with shivers of delight. Just think, a place as weird as this — only a day away from home!

Even Richardson, Rife and Nelson had to throw in the sponge sooner or later. I calculated that I hadn't seen a bed for about 28 hours. We faced a big day, starting in just three hours. We decided to get some sleep.

EMBARKING FOR DRAGONLAND

Out in the streets again, with the sun up, all sense of direction

hopelessly lost, our group found itself buried in a human sea. On every side, the jam of humanity went about its business. In Hong Kong, a flock of tourists isn't worth a second glance, unless there is something at hand to sell.

Waiting at the Kowloon Railway station, to be checked through by the China Travel Service onto the train which was take us to Shumchun Station, everybody worried about having luggage stolen right out from under them. All eyes were sharply watching the yowling, sing song voiced crowd surging to and fro on the street.

We were just across a busy avenue from the Hong Kong Ferry Terminal. It carries 150 million people a year between Kowloon and the island of Victoria. This means a continuous flood of people through the turnstiles, at a nickle a head. It is worth the trip just to see a sight like that. Only then can a North American really understand the meaning of the "Population Explosion."

JUST LIKE THE ARMY

Everyone was beginning to feel the strain of a long journey with little sleep. Some were getting edgy. Others were a little fearful about what lay ahead. A few were groggy. At least two members of the group forgot for a moment about Paul Babey's head count, and wandered off to watch a family cooking breakfast on board a junk tied up on the dirty water front.

Waiting was a strain. Someone complained that it was just like the army — "Hurry up and wait."

Then we began to move. The last red tape was cut. We boarded our train and chugged off for the border, 36 miles away.

Two hours later, we were at the end of the line. Our guides pointed out the People's Republic of China — forbidden Communist China — an outcast nation for the past 15 years.

We waited for a short while in a small coffee shop on the Hong Kong side. Passports were collected. Final inspection of travel documents and immunization certificates was completed. Customs declarations were filled out.

ANOTHER WORLD

We filed through a door in the Hong Kong customs shed and saw ahead of us a short covered-bridge vaulted across a small stream. Shumchun was on the other side. Our passports were given back, and then carrying our bags we crossed meekly over.

It was a symbolic thing, this trudge over a bridge. It was to be three weeks before we came to it again. We had, of our own free will, put behind us our last link with the Western World. We were cut off from contact with friends and families back home. Little more than whispers of great world events would reach us in China. It was as if a bridge could lead to another planet.

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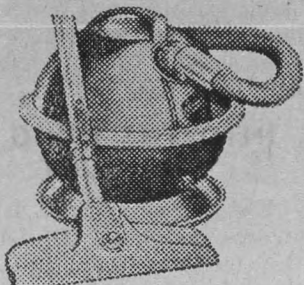
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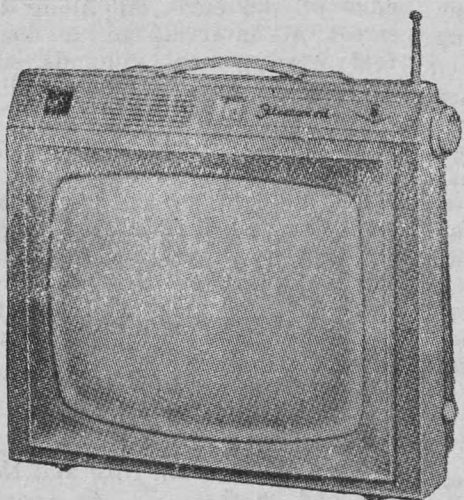
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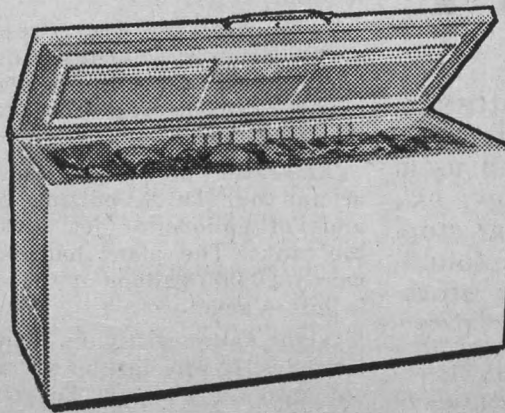
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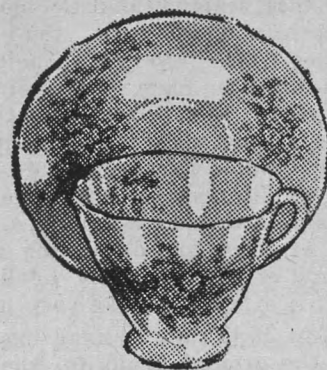
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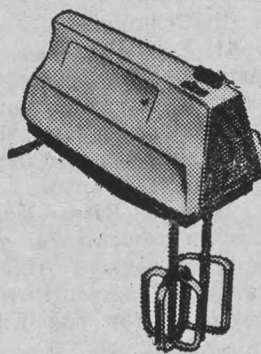
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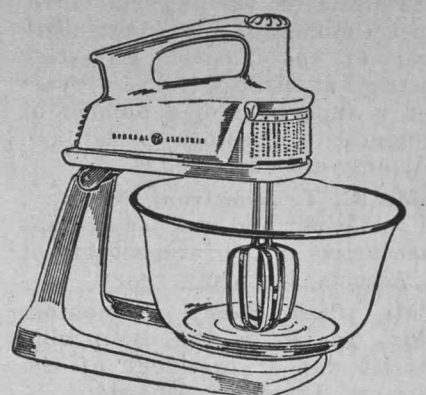
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